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TAGS: SWEL, SREF, BC

SUBJECT:EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA

REF: A) STATE 43637; B) GABORONE 476; C) GABORONE 483

1. REPRESENTATIVES FROM ORM, AF/S, AND AID/OFDA REVIEWED REQUEST IN MEETING ON 28 FEBRUARY. FOLLOWING REPLY STEMS FROM THAT MEETING.

2. FOR GABORONE:

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A. WE REGRET TO ADVISE THAT REF A REFERENCES TO DISASTER RELIEF ARE NOW SEEN HERE AS POTENTIALLY MISLEADING. WHILE REF A IS ACCURATE AS A STATEMENT OF PROCEDURE, AID AND DEPT BELIEVE THAT PROBLEM DESCRIBED IN REF B SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE HANDLED BY THAT PROCEDURE. B. AS EMBASSY WILL HAVE NOTED FROM RECENT MESSAGES, DEPT IS KEENLY AWARE OF GROWING NEEDS FOR REFUGEES ASSISTANCE IN

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AFRICA. CONSCIOUS DECISION MADE HERE EARLIER TO INCREASINGLY
RELY ON UNHCR AS THE VEHICLE FOR THE PROVISION OF SUCH
RELIEF. TO THIS END, USG RECENTLY PROVIDED DOLLARS ONE
MILLION TO UNHCR, AS YOU KNOW. HAVING GIVEN FUNDS TO

NHCR TO CARE FOR REFUGEES ON A REGIONAL BASIS, WE
CAN NOT VIOLATE PROMISES TO CONGRESS THAT WE WILL
NOT USE DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS FOR A PROJECT CLEARLY
FALLING AND FUNDED WITHIN ORM/UNHCR BAILIWICK.

C. DEPT. CONCURS WITH YOU, HOWEVER, IN BELIEVING A
QUICK RESPONSE TO THIS HUMANITARIAN NEED IS ESSENTIAL
IF POSSIBLE. WE ARE THEREFORE: (1) EXPLORING (VIA
U.S. MISSION GENEVA) WHETHER UNHCR CAN RESPOND
URGENTLY TO THIS PROBLEM AS DESCRIBED BY ASYG FARRAH
AND (2) HAVE U.S. MISSION GENEVA CONTACT LICROSS TO
SEE IF THEY POSSIBLY COULD HELP IN A SHORT TIME
FRAME.

3. FOR GENEVA:

A.WE ARE SOMEWHAT PUZZLED THAT LOCAL UNHCR REP
REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM EMBASSY. IT WOULD, OF
COURSE, BE POSSIBLE FOR AID TO RESPOND TO REQUIREMENT
OUTLINED IN REFTEL BY ARRANGING FOR EMERGENCY AIRLIFT
OF NEEDED SUPPLIES (TENTS AND COTS) BUT THIS WOULD BE
ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS. SINCE THIS MIGHT INVOLVE A
SUBSTANTIAL DRAWDOWN ON SCARCE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO
UNHCR FOR REGION WIDE REFUGEE RELIEF EFFORTS, WE
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DOUBT UNHCR WOULD DESIRE SUCH ASSISTANCE AND BELIEVE
UNHCR REP BOTSWANA PROBABLY THINKING OF SUCH ASSISTANCE
AS ADDITIVE TO U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO UNHCR WHICH,
UNFORTUNATELY, IS NOT THE CASE.

B. WE, HOWEVER, CONSIDER IT URGENT THAT ADEQUATE
SHELTER BE PROVIDED REFUGEES DESCRIBED REF B. AS
INDICATED AID STANDS READY DELIVER TENTS IMMEDIATELY
ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS. IF UNHCR CONSIDERS ALTERNATIVE
MEANS PROVIDING SHELTER PREFERABLE, WE LEAVE THIS TO
THEIR JUDGEMENT SO LONG AS RESPONSE CAN BE PROMPT.
WE PRESUME UNHCR HAS ADEQUATE FUNDS AVAILABLE EITHER
IN UNHCR EMERGENCY FUNDS OR FROM RECENT US CONTRIBUTION
OF DOLLARS ONE MILLION TO MEET THIS COMPELLING REQUIRE-
MENT. MISSION SHOULD ASSURE UNHCR THAT COSTS ASSOCIATED
WITH THIS EFFORT WILL BE CONSIDERED WHEN OVERALL
REQUIREMENTS FOR REFUGEE NEEDS REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF
FARAH MISSION TO ASSESS ANY NEW REQUIREMENT FOR U.S.
CONTRIBUTION TO UNHCR AFRICAN PROGRAMS.

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C. IN PRESENTING THE FOREGOING REQUEST TO UNHCR YOU SHOULD BE AWARE WE FEEL UNDER AN IMPORTANT OBLIGATION TO RESPOND TO BOTSWANA'S NEEDS AND CALL FOR ASSISTANCE.

SINCE WE CANNOT REPLY BILATERALLY WE NEED UNHCR'S UNDERSTANDING IN THE MATTER. YOU SHOULD KEEP THESE POINTS IN MIND AS YOU PRESENT YOUR REQUEST TO UNHCR, EMPHASIZING AS YOU DO SO, THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO A PROMPT AND ADEQUATE RESPONSE.

D. PLEASE ADVISE UNHCR RESPONSE IMMEDIATE.

E. WOULD APPRECIATE UNHCR PROJECTION OF ANY FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS EXPECTED AS RESULTS OF CURRENT INTERNATIONAL APPEAL.

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F. PLEASE CONTACT LICROSS TO SEE IF THEY ARE CONTEMPLATING OR DESIREOUS RESPOND TO NEEDS DESCRIBED REF (B) AND ADVISE.
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